

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Lynglev et al.

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Examiner: Raghu

For: Asparaginases and Method of Preparing a Heat-Treated Product

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed April 16, 2007 that made restriction and election of species requirements. Applicants were requested to elect one of three designated groups. Applicants were also requested to elect single polypeptide sequence (SEQ ID NOS:2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 or 13). Applicants were also requested to elect a species of oxidoreductase under PCT Rule 13.1.

In response to these requirements, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group II, drawn to polypeptides having asparaginase activity. Applicants elect the polypeptide sequence of SEQ ID NO:2. Applicants also elect the species of a glucose oxidase, to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is allowable.

As noted by the Examiner, process claims that depend from or other include all the limitations of the patentable product claims will be entered as a matter of right if the amendment is presented prior to final rejection or allowance. New process claims 39-44 include all of the limitations of the elected product claims.

Accompanying this response is a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment amending the claims in conformance with this election.

The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if there are any questions concerning this response or application.

Respectfully submitted,

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